

VICTIM AND CHILDREN'S BRANCH

EQUALITY IN PREVENTION AND SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to provide local assistance to existing service providers to maintain and/or expand services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition, the goal of this program is to raise awareness of domestic violence (DV) as it pertains to same sex couples and their ability to access services.

Eligibility

All Recipients who are currently receiving Domestic Violence Assistance Program (DVAP) Funds are eligible. In June 2008, four agencies were awarded \$75,000 each for a July 1, 2008 start date. The four agencies are: Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council; Asian Women's Shelter; Community United Against Violence; and Interval House Crisis Shelters.

Authorized By

The implementation of Assembly Bill 2051 (Cohn, Ch.856, status of 2006) requires OES to establish a targeted or directed mini-grant program for the development and support of domestic violence programs and services for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender community.

Fund Source and Amount

The identified funding for this program was established at the Secretary of State's Office and is called the Equality in Prevention and Services for Domestic Abuse Fund (EPSDA). The Fund is derived from a \$23.00 fee for same sex couples who register as Domestic Partners. In FY 2007/08 the fund balance was \$93,000. Due to the slow growth of the EPSDA Fund, the program was awarded a one time allocation of \$300,000 of State Penalty Assessment Victims Restitution Funds.

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Competitive or Non-Competitive Application will be due in April 2009 to be determined.

Additional Program Information

This is a targeted grant program designed to develop services to a population that was previously unserved or underserved. Historically, this population of victims has not sought services from the traditional domestic violence shelter program due to the lack of targeted services that focus on intimate partner violence with the same sex couples.

How Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Domestic Violence Section of the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Victim Witness Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-8715.

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